(ङ) क्या सरकार को इस मामले में किसी संसद सदस्य से कोई पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है, यदि हां, तो उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Banerjee Committee reports on pesticides

2151. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn by the report which appeared in the Business Update of 12th and 25th March, 1988 that S.N. Banerjee Committee has submitted 3 reports regarding safer substitutes for pesticides since 1984 and if so, the details of the recommendations made and those accepted/rejected by Government alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any more reports are expected and if so, the time frame fixed therefor, if any; and

(c) whether the reports will be made public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The Government have come across the report that appeared in the Business Update of 12th-25th March, 1988 regarding Dr. S. N. Banerjee Committee. The Banerjee Committee set up during August, 1984 has to examine the continued use in India of all the pesticides which have been banned or restricted for use in other countries. The Committee has submitted three reports on 7 pesticides, namely, DDT, BHC, Aldrin, Dieldrin, Chlordane, Heptachlor and EDB. Decisions have been taken only on the report concerning BHC. The main recommendation of the Committee is the restrictive use of BHC at its present level of use.

The Committee is to examine all the pesticides that have been banned restricted in other countries and to submit reports on pesticides studied as and when ready. A precise time-frame is therefore, not possible.

(c) The purpose of the study by the Banerjee Committee is to enable Government to review the continued use, or otherwise in India, of pesticides banned or restricted for use in other countries. The question whether to make the reports public can be considered after all reports are received and decision taken thereon.

ITDC collaboration with foreign firms, etc.

2152. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign marketing firms with whom the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) had consultancy, collaboration and marketing agreements during the last 3 years;

(b) the details of each agreement alongwith the amount of foreign exchange involved;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange paid to respective firms in this regard during the last 3 years and till date; and

(d) the number of firms within the country with whom the ITDC are in collaboration in consultancy, marketing, etc. together with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) (to (d) The requisite information is given in enclosed Statements I and II.